

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 15:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for a lot of dry and settled weather from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 25 Feb 2021: Cold and bright with occasional snow showers, mainly across Lochaber and Argyll.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	20%	40%	40%	30%	30%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Weather: Clear or sunny periods and occasional snow showers throughout the day, these most frequent across Argyll and Lochaber where they may be briefly heavy. Showers will be lighter and less frequent across Jura, Kintyre and Arran and turning drier here in the afternoon. Showers easing across Argyll and Lochaber through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%. Clearest weather will be across ranges south of Glasgow.

Visibility: Becoming poor as cloud lowers to 550 to 750 metres in or near snow showers, otherwise generally very good visibility with good air clarity.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/51 SW	39/50 SW	37/49 SW	36/48 SW	33/44 SW	31/42 W	29/38 W	27/36 SW	26/35 SW
900	29/40 SW	29/40 SW	29/40 SW	28/39 SW	25/36 W	24/34 W	23/32 W	22/31 W	20/29 SW
600	36/46 SW	36/47 SW	33/44 SW	30/40 SW	27/37 SW	25/35 SW	24/33 SW	21/29 SW	21/29 SW
300	19/31 SW	20/32 SW	18/29 SW	16/26 SW	16/26 SW	15/26 W	12/21 SW	11/19 SW	11/19 SW
Glen	13/28 SW	17/33 SW	16/31 SW	13/27 SW	14/28 SW	14/27 W	10/22 SW	8/19 SW	7/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11
900	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-7
600	3/-4	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4
300	5/0	4/-1	4/-1	4/0	5/1	5/1	4/0	4/0	4/0
Glen	7/4	6/2	6/2	7/3	8/4	8/4	6/3	6/3	6/3
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	700m	800m	900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gales expected on the highest tops leading to severe wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 26 Feb 2021

Weather: Chance of a little light rain or higher summit snow first thing in the morning. Otherwise largely dry with some sunshine, although ranges across the west may well see some low cloud at times.

Maximum wind: Gusts to 40 mph on the higher tops throughout the day

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Becoming poor across Argyll, Lochaber and the Trossachs as cloud lowers to 600 metres, this may be extensive through the morning. Else only small amounts of cloud likely across the south of the area. Otherwise visibility generally good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 11 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 to 1500 metres